has been diverted some time via Poona, some time via Bhopal and at present this flight is being diverted to Delhi-Nagpur-Raipur-Delhi and due to this passengers from Nagpur to Delhi have to waste 2-1|2 hours and also to suffer inconvenience;

(b) whether Government have received representations from Members of Parliament, MLAs, industrialists, officials and various social organisations etc. in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to provide a separate flight from Delhi to Nagpur and back?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Passenger Traffic, at present, is only 40—45 passengers per day, each way, between Delhi-Nagpur. However, should passenger traffic increase and adequate capacite become available, then Indian Airlines would consider operating a terminator service between Delhi-Nagpur.

Storage of Navjeevan Express at Chandrapur

2740. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the stoppage of Navjeevan Express at Chandrapur (Maharashtra) which was approved after several representations has now been withdrawn;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware of the resentment of the people for the withdrawal of the facility;

(d) whether Railways again propose to approve Chandrapur as the stoppage of Navjeevan Express in order to avoid inconvenience to the people; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) The stoppage of Navjeevan Express at Chandrapur was withdrawn from 1.5.1989 but as a result of review the same is being restored from 1.11.1989.

Improvement of Tinsukia and Dibrugarh railway station in Assam

2741. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to improve the railway stations of Tinsukia and Dibrugarh in Assam; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Improvements including remodelling of station building is a continuous process and the same is done on a need based programme commensurate with the availability of funds. The works which have been completed recently and are in progress at Tinsukia and Dibrugarh railway stations are as under:—

Tinsukia

1. Replacement of rail level platform by high level platform (Completed).
2. New Station Building.
3. Improvement to station complex area.
4. Extension of Platform shelter and alteration to foot over bridge.

Dibrugarh

1. Replacement of rail level island platform with medium level platform (Completed).

2. Remodelling of the existing ladies waiting hall (Completed).

3. Facelifting of the existing station building.

Inconvenience to commuters due to shops constructed outside railway stations in Bombay

2742. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 957 given in the Raja Sabha on the 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) total number of shops causing inconvenience to commuters outside various Railway Stations in Bombay;

(b) what action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(c) by when Government will be able to clear all the structures for smooth movement of commuters outside the Railway Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There are about 200 such shops on railway land outside Byculla (East & West), Kurla (West), Chembur, Bhandup (West), and Mulund (East & West) Stations in Bombay.

(b) Eviction proceedings have already been initiated for removal of most of these shops, but the parties have gone to the Court and obtained stay orders. The Railways are contesting the cases in Court.

(c) Since most of the cases are subjudice, no target dates for removal of the shops can be fixed.

Linking of District Headquarters and Industrial Centres in Maharashtra by air

2743. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra to link the District Headquarters and important Industrial Centres by air and to construct airports at these centres; and

(b) if so, the steps the Union Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Demand to run Pallavan express from Karaikudi

2744. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand from the public, businessmen and politicians to run Pallavan Express from Karaikudi in Southern Railway;

(b) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to that effect; and

(c) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.